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Frank



















Frank Cragger - Dad's Father  
 Rhoda Cragger - Dad's Mother  
 Parents of James William (Bill) Cragger






















































CHUCK ALDERMAN  
FIELD









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# CHUCK ALDERMAN FIELD

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CHUCK ALDERMAN FIELD

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### ***Field Dedicated in Van Etten***

Chuck Alderman, a resident of Van Etten for 24 years, gave a Baltimore Orioles baseball cap (above) from attorney Will Van Effen during ceremonies for field in Van Etten which was dedicated in his honor on Sunday. Alderman, who has been on Orioles fan since the team had a farm club in Elmdale, formed the first Little League in Van Etten in 1967. He coached at the junior high there from 1957-67, and he also coached a Babe Ruth League team. Alderman has worked with handicapped youth for most of his life. Below, Gullow speaks of Alderman's achievements during ceremonies. Journal Photos by George Clay.





CHUCK ALDRICHMAN FIELD



## Van Etten Field Named for Man In Wheel Chair All His Life

A Van Etten man, confined to a wheelchair all of his life, was honored by the Oregon Van Etten General School board of trustees recently when the board approved naming the Van Etten athletic field the "Charles Aldrichman Field."

Charles Aldrichman became involved in the growth of Van Etten many years ago and has devoted countless hours to helping build the school sports field. He directs all sports activities at the Spencer's in Etten School and the many camps were open sessions for the school sportsmen.

Both Spencer and Vandoren provided their two schools and one and the lack of traveling in Etten became a life time dream for him, but he will be active in the much activities in the Van Etten area.

The long hours of work with the Van Etten youth has not been ignored in the naming of the athletic field after him.

In other business transacted at the same meeting, the board approved the presentation of the annual five hundred dollars made last month and look into the three buildings have either already been completed or are in the process of being completed.

Approval was given to the contract for services with BACCO for the current school year at the amount of \$100.00. The work of the committee in the three buildings of the local district also attend a regional education classes at the BACCO. Other items of the local school, special instruction made available for handicapped children and local participation,

in the international television network.

The board also approved approval, locally income standards for determining the situation of children in poverty line and the school board work under the National School Lunch Program. The disability students were established by newly created federal legislation.

High School Principal R. R. Rasmussen stated that the board is now considering possible relocation of schools within the International Athletic Center, over a large meeting on Thursday at Etten will determine whether or not new applications for admission into the conference received from that school will be approved.

In other business the board approved the appointment of Mrs. Yvonne (Henderson) as a teacher assistant for the remainder of the school year to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Dorothy Perkins. Former Mayor, Rodgers is the temporary CETA position of night director in the High School building from among 12 candidates, and dissemination of the group of overnight class, but not over the option of one day program for those places and groups where the interest and funds may be available.

The next regular meeting of board of education will be held in June. At that time the board will have a report of High School English Coordinator, Mr. Perkins, from covering the activities of the English program.

The board also approved to have an appeal of the 1967-68 school year with approval of the operational policies for the school district.



# We salute . . . *July 1978*

## **. . . Charles G. Alderman**

By GARY WADE

Charles G. Alderman would be considered a physical ability man the range of friendship.

Chuck has cerebral palsy which has forced him into a wheelchair for most of his 46 years. A spinal operation in 1964 set 1974 ended him of any movement in his lower arms.

These handicaps mean nothing to Chuck's brothers of Friends in Van Elden. He is admired by the man who forced his way, Little League baseball team in the village.

More than 800 teenagers turned out to honor Chuck on June 23. He was presented a specially constructed home and, November 1977, a camp in Van Elden. Despite the hard times, fellow residents dug down and came up with more than \$400 which Chuck can use for his pleasure.

Van Elden is a small village. It takes a lot of effort more than 100 of its residents to a single purpose as a youth summer afternoon.

It takes more than the accomplishment of founding a baseball league. It requires a person who is brave, who knows what and who changes, to open personal interests to those of others for the well-being of his friends.

"There isn't a better village in town," said Ralph J. Givens, local service station operator. "Chuck is a truly a friend."

Chuck doesn't have a team home as his body says, "Come. We can make you understand when you're down to the bottom."

Givens is one of many residents who "give up" with Chuck. A 200 day camp sponsored by Chuck was for gathering place for local teenagers. Givens recalled.

Football was a favorite sport and the owner of the site was to sleep Chuck in



**Charles G. Alderman**

some little league players.

It couldn't be done, said Givens. "Chuck was as hard as 1970 and made the starting lineup of every team in the county."

Chuck is "14 on the road of a great opportunity for his life," said George W. Nelson, president of the Van Elden Youth Athletic Association. "It has to be."

He's been one of the big managers in Van Elden boys' sports," said Nicholas Marchese, recently named Assistant Van Elden School District principal. Marchese recalls when a coach wanted a junior high basketball team in the former Van Elden High School.

It was inevitable the way he could get attention from kids and run the game team, a volunteer "and Marchese."

A member of New Virginia, Chuck was born in Van Elden for 20 years. His

mother died in 1940 and Chuck's father, Lawrence G. has devoted most of his life to caring for his son.

The idea for Little League in Van Elden was born on a summer afternoon in 1952 when Chuck started a group of boys "looking around with a lot and ball."

He suggested that when the following afternoon with more boys and learn a team. "You bring the bats and I'll supply the balls," Chuck said then.

With Chuck as the coaching hero, the Van Elden team beat Clark 12 to six that year. The uniforms were donated and T-shirts.

A year later the Van Elden boys' team, built Association was formed with Chuck as its first president.

The association "raised our boys" and one year later did more.

Today, the league consists of four boys' and four girls' teams for 10-12-year-olds. There is also a ladies league made for the senior team and a teenage team for 15-19-year-old boys.

Physical handicaps forced Chuck to use an action handle instead of a standard of motion. A long-time sports commentator for the Superior Herald, Chuck was forced to give up sports when participants called his legs handicaps.

But Chuck's devoted father will provide for his sons' team for their with friends. "Children and Chuck in the States, you can't get it 10 years to do that and help I back in his reading by having the parents of the team."

Chuck maintains an active interest in the team's youth program. He can bring his leg to drive on the board now.

After all, it couldn't do for the Herald. One must at least be full behind on the newspaper.



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## Friend in Alderman

by Chris Clark

When that man in the school, that we always see across the school? Play, Chris Clark, (Chris) Alderman, an old friend of the school.

He has been married to his wife, Mary, for many years, with several children. He and his wife of the Democratic party for almost twenty and Jerry Harris for quite some time.

Mr. Alderman lived in Van Buren with his father. He has a sister in New York and a brother in California.

He went through the high grade. Most of his education was obtained in the high school, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and at West Haverstraw, N. Y. He also attended Van Buren Central for one year.

Working in Van Buren in 1910, he began writing the sports column in 1911. He began writing up several high basketball and football in 1912. When Spencer and Van Buren merged he had never high basketball for one year.

Mr. Alderman presently writes up school games and news items in the SPRINGFIELD RECORD. He has in his favorite sport, and he finds it the most sport to write up.

Has very interested in school activities and young people. The kids have always been glad and thoughtful to him. He said they have done more for him than he could ever do for them.

He finds the new school most important for the kids and thought it should have been done several years ago. He said we should be proud of it and use full advantage of it. He also thought it would make the teachers' work easier, and that the kids would benefit.

Has very interested with the collection and the sports and the sports and anything like that library. Mr. Alderman commented.

He doesn't care too much for the park and roll, more for indoor games.

He doesn't think many kids happen to go to the sports center for his last year and the end of those years. He says it's due to the wonderful night of the community, but actually the community is better to have such a wonderful man around.

## We Get Letters

Don Edgely, P. S. 17

In response to the article, "Friend in Alderman," I would like to tell about the four years I spent at the Van Buren Central.

I started working for Mr. Alderman in seventh grade when my brother stopped working for him. At first, it was a strange thing to do, but after working for him for about a month, I had learned some things that few people know about him.

During the first two years of working for Chris, I found out that he would try to help me with some of my problems. The last two years were for me, when I was able to give someone else help, rather than sitting for help all the time.

There have been times that we were working on the same thing. Many times I found myself doing things by what people might do, or what he thought of. One of my father's words were taken up with him and sports as I was with him then.

I have enjoyed our partnership. I have hoped that every youngster has the same work as I did in the school.

I would like to say thanks to Mr. Chris Alderman. He is a good friend.

P. S. Response

## CHARLES ALDERMAN

### DISMISSED AS QUIN QUAT PARTY.

Charles "Chris" Alderman was given a suspension from school at the Van Buren Central School on Thursday evening April 11, when several 150 voluntary friends and acquaintances gathered in the school cafeteria. Chris is now in the classroom. He had been in the classroom for some time. He has been the recipient of a gift shop in Van Buren for the past year or two years, taking care of the state from the school state.

He is a young and old fellow, he will be greatly missed but it is hoped that the students will give a surprise and Chris will be back among his friends in the near future.

A piece of money was given him from those present and when they could see about. Several "Money" members of the Van Buren Central School made the presentation. Several days passed the ceremony on his way as he entered the cafeteria.

Feeling, games and activities were enjoyed by all.

One of more guests was Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shepard of Vienna. Mr. Shepard is president of the P.O. organization.

Mrs. Lee, Vice of Council, President of the Central P.O. Association and Mr. Harold DeYoung of Idaho also attended with the CPA.

The Van Buren Central School Student Council Association, with the assistance of Mrs. Emma McDonald, sponsored the party.

Good-bye Chris and come back to Van Buren soon.





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